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SAVE NATION FROM MILITARISM AND WAR

By J. L. ENGBAHL

IN FACING the murderous, civilization-destroying monster of war and militarism, Socialists have made this solemn declaration in their indictment of the capitalist system:

"CAPITALISM, INEVITABLY LEADING TO COMMERCIAL RIVALRY AND IMPERIALISM AND FUNCTIONING THRU THE MODERN STATE WITH ITS VAST ARMAMENTS, SECRET DIPLOMACIES AND UNDEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS, LOGICALLY LEADS TO WAR."

This is not the declaration of a small body of representative Socialists. It is the edict of the 100,000 dues-paying Socialist Party members of the United States, decided by referendum vote, after thoro discussion.

MAKE THE NATION LISTEN.
THIS indictment of the capitalist system is part of the Anti-War Manifesto and Peace Program of the Socialist Party. The nation must be made to listen to this declaration against war. The time to make it listen is NOW!

To all the peoples of the nation we declare:

"A new page of human history lies open before us. Upon it must be written the full message and meaning of Socialism—democracy, internationalism and peace. NO GREATER, NOBLER TASK HAS EVER APPEALED TO MAN."

"With firm, unflinching faith in the future of our Cause and the ultimate triumph of these principles, we call upon all who love justice and peace and human progress to join with us in this our effort to build a higher and nobler civilization."

In this crucial hour we summon all the forces of labor. "For an aggressive and uncompromising opposition to the whole capitalist system, and to every form of its most deadly fruits—militarism and war; to strengthen the bonds of working class solidarity; to deepen the currents of conscious internationalism, and to proclaim to the world a constructive program leading towards permanent peace."

STAND OF SOCIALIST PARTY.

NO OTHER political party has declared its position on war and militarism, although the nation is eager to know how and where they stand. Only the Socialist Party has taken all the people into its confidence and boldly declared its stand. The Anti-War Manifesto and Peace Program of the Socialist Party of the United States is our challenge to the powers that make war and breed militarism.

This declaration, bulwarked by the peace aspirations of American Socialism, as a measure to prevent war, demands disarmament—universal—disarmament as speedily as possible.

Pending complete disarmament, it declares for the abolition of the manufacture of arms and munitions for private profit, and prohibition of exportation of arms, war equipment and supplies from one country to another. It stands against an increase in existing armaments under any circumstances; against all appropriations for military and naval purposes. We proclaim, "NOT ONE DOLLAR FOR MILITARISM AND MURDER!"

INSPIRED BY AWAKENED LABOR.

THAT is the stand of the Socialist Party as the jingoes and war mongers continue their siege of the nation's capital. That stand is not taken in any twilight zone of uncertainty. It did not get its inspiration from the money lenders of Wall Street; neither from the war-profiteers who guide the manufacture of death in the munition mills of the new Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, and in the arms plants of Connecticut; nor does it spring from the hate born of narrow nationalism and prejudice fostered by ignorance. This peace message of Socialism springs from the ambitions for humanity cherished by enlightened labor.

We have proclaimed our Socialist peace message to all who would listen, during the 15 black months of war, thru millions of leaflets and from thousands of platforms. We have a great opportunity offered us, one month from today, on December Sixth, when the gavel will fall in the national senate and house of representatives at Washington, D. C., and the United States congress will be in session. Among the hundreds of republicans and democrats, supporters of the capitalist system, the diabolical system of society that breeds war, there will be one Socialist—

SOME JINGO WAR MOVES

ONE THOUSAND Chicago ministers of all religions, called together in mass meeting by the National Security (Hysteria) League to discuss "war preparedness." Similar meetings being planned all over the nation.

Former President William Howard Taft will be chief speaker at banquet of National Security League, in Chicago, Nov. 10.

Two-day conference between Secretary of War Garrison and members of the national executive committee of the National Guard Association and the national militia board, held at Washington, results in support of national guardsmen of the country being pledged to the national administration's huge \$500,000,000 "defense" plan.

President Wilson opens his campaign for re-election in 1916 at meeting of Manhattan Club, a democratic organization in New York City, his subject being "national defense."

Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo declares nation must go into the armament business, calling this "patriotism."

Chicago business and professional men who are members of the Navy League of the United States, the national organization giving civilian support to greater navy plans, holds week's campaign for alleged sea preparedness. The League's speakers planned to visit factories and large commercial plants to sway minds of workers toward militarism and war. Similar "navy weeks" being planned for all large cities in nation.

New York National Security League names judges to award prizes in essay contest on question of piling up huge armaments.

The Chicago Tribune, chief mouthpiece of the raving species of the jingoes, starts series of articles on preparedness for war by Henry J. Reilly, United States army officer.

This campaign to arouse in the hearts and in the minds of the American people an irresistible desire for war and militarism is daily growing stronger. It must be met and swept back if the nation, democratic and peace-loving, is to live. You can help by distributing a bundle of our "MEYER LONDON EDITION," our blow at the militarists. This is your opportunity to help your congressman, Meyer London, fight the militarists when congress meets: Dec. 6.

Meyer London of New York City. He will be the lone Socialist member of congress, but he will not be alone in his relentless attack on the evils that must be obliterated forever before there can come world peace and universal brotherhood among men. Out over the nation there will be one hundred thousand organized Socialists and one million voting Socialists, all ready to rally under the standards that proclaim "WAR AGAINST WAR AND MILITARISM!"

At this deciding hour, when congress meets to direct the footsteps of the nation either toward or away from war and militarism, THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST will send forth its greatest issue, "THE MEYER LONDON EDITION," dated December Fourth, the Saturday before congress meets on Monday. We are going to cover the nation with this edition.

WE FACE UNITED FOE.

ALREADY all the forces of government have declared unequivocally against all that we demand in this great national and world crisis. To be sure, the national administration, thru the democratic party, has issued no manifesto outlining its program. The capitalist press, however, from time to time has been allowed to inflame the public mind, aided and abetted by those in power in Washington. THEREFORE WE KNOW THEIR INTENTIONS. The Socialist Party alone, of all the political parties, has stood uncompromisingly for peace and against all war and militarism. ALONE WE FACE A UNITED FOE, BENT ON PLUNGING THE NATION INTO WAR!

The powers of plunder, the profiteers that prey upon the people, the Czars of Exploitation, seated upon the money thrones of the nation, do not want disarmament. So they order their satellites in the seats of government to speak for them. The secretary of the navy and the secretary of war, the President, nearly all the members of congress and other officials in

high places, these have all heard the demand of the masters for increased armaments, instead of disarmament, and they have declared for military expenditures next year and the years that are to immediately follow, that will rob the nation of billions of wealth, unless the mad race for armaments is immediately halted.

In support of this gigantic program of preparation to engage in wholesale slaughter, a national propaganda of unlimited proportions is now being carried on thru every conceivable channel of publicity. Leagues for the propagation of the desire to kill, from the Navy League that sits close to the machinery of government in Washington to the National Security League—more truly dubbed the "Hysteria League"—that spreads its tentacles over the land, are being fed to fatness with the gold that comes from the coffers of those interests that profit by international slaughter. The capitalist jingo press is unanimous in its efforts to arouse the nation to a blood fury that will lead it straight down the crimson road to certain destruction.

BLOOD VS. BROTHERHOOD.

AGainst this almost deafening cry for blood we raise our plea for brotherhood. We must halt the imperialistic desires of those who would force the nation into disastrous conflict with the peoples of other lands. There is no sane reason why this nation should go to war with the conqueror of Europe. There is no just cause for conflict with the people of Japan, despite the yellow-peril howls of the militarists. The United States is trying to bring peace to Mexico, and we can find no excuse for making war on any other country of this western world. The desire to conquer must not usurp the place of the nation's exalted desire for peace.

A disarmed United States will remain a peaceful United States. An armed nation, with wealth untold being continually expended for increased armaments, will mean a nation always on the brink of war, finally to be precipitated into the slaughter abyss, perhaps during the present generation, perhaps not until the children of today have grown to manhood and womanhood, only to inherit the harvest of suffering, sorrow and death that the war mongers of today would prepare for them.

The issue between disarmament and armaments claims the attention of the nation as congress prepares to meet. SOCIALISTS OF THE NATION! RALLY IN THE WAR AGAINST ARMAMENTS!

ABOLISH WAR PROFITS.

WITH the grip of the munition makers daily growing stronger as their profits mount higher and higher, our demand for the abolition of the manufacture of arms and munitions of war for private profit calls for the best efforts of all believers in peace and humanity.

No one seeks to deny that the munition makers and the money lenders, the builders of dreadnaughts and the financiers of murder, the Schwabs, the Carnegies, the Rockefellers and the Morgans, have not reaped huge profits as they defrauded the government, while both democrats and republicans, in both houses of congress, stood idly by and winked at the robbery.

There has already been an untold amount of graft in the "preparation for war" expenditures of the nation. In spite of the fact that the United States has been spending more for "preparedness" than the militarist nations of Europe, we are now told that the navy is fit only to be scrapped as old iron, while the army would prove poor fodder for one ravenous cannon.

Be not deceived! The navy is there and the army is there. They got us into the senseless war with Spain. They almost started the nation on a conquering expedition into Mexico. If we keep them or let them grow, they will not only get us into war, but they will continually serve as a great source of profit for the war profiteers.

WORRY ONLY ABOUT PROFITS.

THE Schwabs, the Carnegies and the Morgans are not worrying about the United States, which consists right now of one hundred million men, women and children, nearly every one of them of the working class, who have nothing to gain by war. These gentlemen are worrying about their profits. If they can frighten the people into believing they have no navy and no army, then they hope to force the people into permitting congress to vote huge sums to create an army and navy.

The war profiteers want a big navy and a big army because that means big profits. We Socialists demand that PRIVATE PROFIT be taken out of the manufacture of war munitions. We demand that the

congress that meets next month do this immediately. We demand that if the United States must have the tools of slaughter, in spite of our opposition, that it manufacture them itself; that there shall be no profit for Schwab or Carnegie or Rockefeller or Morgan. We demand this because we know that when PRIVATE PROFIT has been eliminated from the manufacture of the instruments of death, then the greatest incentive for their production will have been abolished.

There is no clouding the issue between the war profiteers, who want war because it brings them profits; and those who demand that the nation manufacture its own war munitions, eliminating all profits.

SOCIALISTS OF THE NATION! RALLY IN THE WAR AGAINST PRIVATE PROFIT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF WAR MUNITIONS!

FORCE EMBARGO ON ARMS.

THE national democratic administration has risked plunging this nation into the European gulf of blood by enforcing its demand that the war profiteers be permitted to export arms, war equipment and supplies to the warring nations. It has aided and abetted the making of a huge loan to the Allies by the House of Morgan.

We have demanded the prohibition of the exportation of arms, war equipment and supplies from one country to another as an anti-war measure.

We do not know which side is going to win. We do know, however, that victory for either side cannot bring back to life the millions of dead; cannot restore the thousands of shattered firesides, cannot heal the wounds of an outraged civilization and return to humanity the wasted wealth lost for all time in this universal slaughter.

We know that Germany victorious may demand a burdensome indemnity from the United States for the mass of war munitions the profiteers are sending across the sea, for the money its bankers have been allowed to contribute to bolster up one side in this uncalled-for strife.

Before the war was a month old, the Socialists of America issued and distributed one and one-half million copies of a leaflet, "STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA!" It declared that:

"We must stop the shipping of all supplies into the war zone."

"Not a penny for loans, not an ounce of food should leave these shores to prolong this terrible shedding of blood."

"This is the only honest and complete neutrality. In no other way can we be sure of keeping this nation out of that fearful whirlpool."

We reiterate that declaration today. It is reiterated in the Anti-War Manifesto of American Socialists. Congress will next month be called upon to endorse the continued exportation of arms, war equipment and supplies from this country to the warring countries. We must stop congress from lending its sanction to this means of profiting by the slaughter in Europe.

SOCIALISTS OF THE NATION! RALLY FOR THE FIGHT TO PREVENT THE EXPORTATION OF THE NECESSITIES OF WAR FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER!

OPPOSE AGITATION FOR WAR.

AT THIS HOUR, therefore, when congress is about to meet, when all the powers that make for war are actively at work, it is well to repeat part of the appeal issued by the Socialist Party to the people of the United States shortly after the sinking of the Lusitania last May. It is as follows:

"The insidious propaganda of American militarism has received a powerful impetus thru the destruction of American lives as a result of the war operations in Europe. The jingo press of the country is busily engaged in reckless efforts to turn the cries of natural indignation of the people into a savage howl for revenge. Short-sighted 'patriots' and professional militarists are inflaming the minds and blinding the reason of their fellow-citizens by appealing to national vanity. The sinister influences of the armament ring work thru thousands of hidden channels to stimulate a war sentiment, which to it means business and profits."

"In this grave hour of national crisis, the Socialist Party of the United States raises its voice in solemn and emphatic protest against this dangerous and criminal agitation, and proclaims its undying opposition to militarism and war. No disaster, however appalling; no crime, however revolting, justifies the slaughter of nations and the devastation of countries."

"Strong armaments and military preparations inevitably and irresistibly lead to war, as the tragic example of the nations of Europe has conclusively demonstrated."

"We call upon the people of the United States to profit by the lesson of our unfortunate brothers on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, and to throttle all efforts to draw this country into the dangerous maws of international quarrels, imperialism, militarism and war."

"We call particularly upon the workers of America to oppose war and all agitation for war by the exercise of all the power in their command, for it is their class who pays the awful cost of warfare, without receiving any of its rewards. It is the workers who primarily furnish the soldiers on the battlefield and give their limbs and lives in the senseless quarrels of their masters."

"Let us proclaim in tones of unmistakable determination: 'Not a worker's arm shall be lifted for the slaying of a fellow-worker of another country, nor turned for the production of man-killing implements or war supplies! Down with war! Forward to international peace and the world-wide solidarity of all workers!'"

MEYER LONDON PREPARES.

OUR CONGRESSMAN, Meyer London, has stated, "I have been devoting the greater part of my time to the study of the questions which are likely to come before congress and to the working out of a program of action."

Meyer London must not make his preparations alone. Let us all help him to the utmost of our ability to prepare the way for universal peace.

Congressman London has well said, "We live in a most intense period of the world's history. It looks as if all the elements and powers of evil and darkness have united to crush all that has been gained by mankind in the painful process of centuries of evolution."

We Socialists alone have dedicated ourselves to the task of advancing civilization. With our lives, if need be, we oppose the twin powers of darkness—WAR AND MILITARISM.

THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST has prepared a small task in this great struggle. This task is the distribution of a record-breaking edition, "THE MEYER LONDON EDITION" OF THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, dated December Fourth, to aid OUR CONGRESSMAN raise his voice for peace in the national congress. This edition will carry the full peace message of American Socialism. If distributed in sufficient numbers it will be a body-blow against WAR AND MILITARISM. We want to make this edition the biggest blow ever struck at war in the United States. If your local does not order a bundle of this issue, order a bundle for yourself. For every order sent in, we will send as a premium 1,000 copies of one of the three leaflets, "How Socialism Would Meet the War Crisis," "The Socialists and the Sword," by George R. Kirkpatrick, or "The Anti-War Manifesto and Peace Program of the Socialist Party of the United States."

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Here is all the week's news worth while boiled down for workers so busy fighting for Socialism they do not have time to read the daily capitalist papers.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Lloyd-George is premier of Great Britain with Asquith's fall. "Defeat will kill me," declares aging king of Serbia. Third Austrian air raid on Venice injures three.

Thirteen died and eight are injured in paper box factory fire in Pittsburgh, Pa.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Great Britain admits Serbia is doomed. Hard winter checks operations in Russia. Roumania may come to aid of Russia.

United States seizes Germans taken in New Jersey charged with plot to sink ships. Typhoon kills 100 in the Philippines and wipes out town of Tabaco, with 2,000 inhabitants.

One striker killed and three shot as Chicago garment workers are attacked by slugs.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Great significance is placed by Washington on fact that Kaiser has granted audience to American Ambassador Gerard.

Three armies operating against Serbian and allied troops form complete junction west of Negros. French plan to send 5,000 airplanes in caseless attack against German munition factories.

Charge made that plot to blow up ships leaving American ports with ammunition for allies, for which five Germans are now under arrest, was engineered in Germany by officers of German secret service. Bernstorff denies German government involvement.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

War supplies for the allies burn in Seattle, Wash. United States warehouse at Baltimore, Md., containing munitions, destroyed by fire. Trying to complete chain of evidence against Germans held in New York City.

Declared that British treasury is considering plan for raising part of every man's income. Lloyd-George declares Britain will make no more for peace. Italy urges allies war to end.

British renegade socialist is called to form new French cabinet. Viviani, also renegade socialist, quits.

Renegade children lose lives when St. John's parochial school at Peabody, Mass., catches fire.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Germans reported to be gaining on three fronts. Japan joins allies' pact against separate peace.

Crusade and Villa forces prepare for battle at Agua Prieta, Sonora, opposite Douglas, Ariz. This is believed to be Villa's last stand.

Advises Chinese officials against attempt to restore monarchy, holding in this way to forestall threatened revolt.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Roumania holds fast to Serbia. Naval battle in Black Sea is reported. Russian fleet gains back in Riga region.

Plan to smash British cabinet proves fail. Chicago prepares for teamsters' strike.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Blanche Walsh, well-known actress, dies at Cleveland, Ohio.

Villa, preparing for battle against Carranza forces, opposite Douglas, Ariz., says he'll fight all United States if necessary.

Socialists reported to be making one of their last stands at Krugavretz, their munition stronghold.

National City Bank of New York, Standard Oil Institution, again reports "business revival."

IT'S HARD TO DIE.

State labor federations are usually officered by unscrupulous politicians who turn these organizations into a tail to some old party kite. Democratic and other labor politicians never benefited any one except themselves. They have always divided the ranks of labor instead of uniting them.

This is a condition, however, that is passing. In Wisconsin the old party politicians have long ago taken their departure. The struggle is still on in the two great industrial States, Pennsylvania and Illinois. James H. Maurer is at the head of the administration in the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor. He has been repeatedly compelled to fight the ring of discredited labor politicians that was blackened beyond cleansing by the Mullhall exposures. They cannot come back.

The dying is exceedingly hard for the would-be manipulators of the votes of the workers in the Illinois Federation of Labor. They experienced their first rout when John H. Walker was elected president, with a sympathetic executive board, in 1912. They have never been able to recover.

At the convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor just closed this coterie made their best effort to return to power. During the year Walker, editor of The Labor Advocate of Peoria, had made a vicious attack against President Walker. Busch was a delegate to the convention and a presidential boom had been launched for him in the referendum now before the membership. The absurdity of the charges against Walker was shown by the fact that the convention expelled Busch and

practically unanimously vindicated Walker.

There is a growing co-operative movement among the Illinois workers, especially the 80,000 coal miners. Busch's Labor Advocate had published numerous articles and editorials during the year in which it attacked the co-operative stores established throughout the State. Walker had been instructed by the preceding convention to assist organizations in establishing these stores. Busch's paper branded the stores as "fake co-operatives," directing its attack against Walker and other labor officials. When Busch failed to present any evidence in support of his charges he was expelled.

With the new type of official in control, the State federations of labor will prove of great benefit to the workers. Walker is a Socialist. So is Maurer of the Pennsylvania federation, and a growing number of the officials of other international, State and local labor organizations. Like the old party politicians in city, State and national governments, the Republican and Democratic misleaders in the organizations of labor are gradually dying. Death is hard. But death is sure.

THIS WEEK'S EDITORIAL FROM SOCIALIST PRESS

WAR BY MACHINES.

Thomas A. Edison approached the question of "preparedness" exactly as he would approach the question of making dyes, perfecting the phonograph or increasing the output of a factory. He summed the subject up in a phrase by no means original with him, but whose significance frequent repetition has not yet succeeded in penetrating the public mind.

He said that war is now a matter of machines. He might have said that our whole civilization is a matter of machines. Since boiling water and exploding oil and other forms of manufactured energy took the place of human muscles man has produced and destroyed by directing this manufactured energy.

Men and women have become of much importance compared with the machines. So far as the masses are concerned, either in war or industry, machines are essential to life and death. We cannot live if we cannot use these machines to produce wealth. We cannot even kill unless we are attached to these machines.

In peace and in war the control of the machine, mechanical, industrial, military, political is the whole question of life or death of misery or luxury for mankind. Today these machines are controlled by a class that uses its ownership to compel the non-owners of machines to struggle against one another in industry, politics and war for the glory and profit of the owners.

The whole program and doctrine of Socialism might well be summed up in the statement that it is an effort on the part of the masses to get control and ownership of these machines and make them the instruments in the hands of the rulers of the masses.—The Milwaukee Leader.

GARY TALKING AGAIN

Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the Board of the United States Steel Corporation, is one of the funny men of this capitalist world. When he talks many people smile. When he comes out in long newspaper interviews and tell how the wages of the workers in the steel mills are to be raised, they work-day shortened and conditions improved, all well informed people smile. They do this because the Steel Trust has never yet kept a promise made to its slaves.

Only the other day Gary told the Iron and Steel Institute meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, that genuine publicity would cure many of our present-day ills. We agree with him, just as we agreed with him when he said that workers have toiled enough when they have labored six days in the week. Yet this time Gary told us seven days in the week in spite of everything that Gary says. And while he prates about "genuine publicity," Gary and all of his ilk are exerting every effort to gag the nation's press. And because Gary, and capitalists of his kind, succeed in gagging the press, therefore Socialists refer to the nation's newspapers as the "capitalist press."

Gary declares that if the peoples of the European nations had been thoroughly informed the present war would have been impossible. But what is Gary doing to avert a similar situation in this country? The capitalist press is inspired by the Steel Trust to carry on a ceaseless propaganda for armed preparedness. Gary and his Steel Trust are not interested in revealing the evils of militarism. They live by militarism. Let Gary talk, however. The more he talks the more he betrays and discredits himself.

With Gary and the capitalist press thoroughly discredited the foundations will have been laid for a strong working class press. And when labor has its own organs of publicity, then the workers will hear the "genuine truth" for the first time in history.

PUSH PHILOSOPHY

By Lincoln Philfer

Preparedness is not for peace, but for pieces.

Where are the Democratic papers that are demanding "justice for Lawson?"

There are millions in America who have nothing to do except stare and read how war stocks are booming.

Anyhow, Mr. Wilson didn't do his courting along the "watchful waiting" lines.

Woman suffrage is wrong, but the hanging of women as spies because they save human life is all right!

Gary agrees with Rockefeller that the way to bring peace in society is to engage in preparedness for robbery.

It really looks like Germany and England were going to conquer the rest of Europe. Was it a put-up game from the start?

If you knock on the fellows who are kicking labor on the coo, you are a knocker. If you join the tattoo on labor you are a booster.

Universal brotherhood has been secured by Cousins Bill, George and Nick, who was only for national and selfish aggrandizement.

It is clear that there is going to be no war. The churches have taken such a decided stand against preparation, you know!

And so the court refuses Pat Quinn a new hearing. Here is a Socialist suffering martyrdom when he was absolutely innocent. He is the man to howl about.

Wonder if capitalism will still say that Socialism threatens the home, after polygamy has been made legal in capitalist countries because of the war.

Inasmuch as we are urged to prepare to fight the crippled population of Europe, why not prepare against the dead as well? Let us have ghost-proof forts.

The voters of New Jersey, it would seem, decided the election in order to defeat woman's suffrage, because "politics was too dirty for women to mix in."

It is reported a bloody battle was recently fought in sight of Mount Sinai, where the Almighty is said to have thundered on the people. "Thou shalt not kill." That is how capitalism worships God.

What's the use, anyhow? Capitalism is going to its eternal preparedness, and Socialism might as well talk Socialism and let the masses show themselves as much as they please.

If land were used socially, even in such quantities as the nation now possesses, and if banking were made an absolute government monopoly, everything else would come to the worker thru natural processes.

The trouble with Colorado is no more Rockefellerism than it is Democracy and Republicanism. It is the capitalist trinity that has the workers of that State under its thumb.

Commercialism itself is a good thing. It is commercialism for the benefit of the few and at the expense of profit-givers that is cursing the world. If it was for the good of all there could be nothing better.

In spite of the invented spies from Germany, now operating in American newspaper offices, the people are not enthusing for "preparedness." But they are going to be prepared, just the same, by the trust with fake preparedness to sell.

It will remind another twenty years to expose all the graft that is being worked right now. And when it is done, the workers will be in a panic in order to make the complaining people let up on their "disturbance of business."

The way the politicians will get the consent of the people for squandering borrowed money on useless battleships is to nominate three candidates for President that favor "preparedness" and then trust a majority of the people to vote for the swindle.

The spirit of the commercial age was born thru the crusade to Jerusalem that gave the world a taste of wandering and of trade. Europe is again fighting around Jerusalem. Perhaps once more the foolish and bloody crusade will give form to a new world-impulse.

Again have miners of Crawford county, Kansas, shown their fidelity to a Socialist, and have won their way. President White of the Miners' Union first brought charges against Alex. Hawatt, a Socialist, holding a local office in the union, and then tried for months to keep his name off the ticket for re-election on the strength of the charges. The miners would not have it so, and Hawatt's name goes on the ticket. The old tricks will not work everywhere.

From San Francisco comes the news that the Labor Party is in process of disintegration because of the poor showing made by its candidate for Mayor in the recent municipal election, who polled barely one-fifth the vote secured by Mayor Rolph, who was re-elected, and about half as many votes as Eugene Schmitz, former Labor Party Mayor, who ran as an independent. It is charged that Mayor Rolph was responsible for the ignominious defeat of the Labor Party, one being a deflection of ex-Mayor McCarthy's followers to Schmitz, and the other internal religious prejudice that was cultivated and encouraged by factionalists, who seemed to take more interest in kingdom come than in their earthly relationships.

SHOOTING THE WRONG MEN.

"Right now the European war is being carried on by Wall Street," said Henry Ford, of Detroit, at the San Francisco Exposition. "The whole trouble now is they are shooting the wrong men. If the right men were shot, and not the poor soldiers, the war would be over in a week."

"The day is not far off when the men who are now making up the world's great armies will refuse to fight without just cause. I believe this will be the last great war in history, and that militarism will be finally wiped out."

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

By Max S. Hayes.

California State Federation of Labor, at its annual convention recently, went on record as opposed to high wages, and instructed its delegates to the American Federation of Labor to bring the matter before the convention of that body in San Francisco.

Frank Walsh, chairman of the Federal Council for the Unemployed, Relations, has obtained temporary control at least of the Kansas City Post, and the Western unionists are in hopes that they will be able to read a daily paper that does not fear to give the working class a fair shake all the time.

A commission of nine has been appointed by Governor Dunne of Illinois to investigate the problem of unemployment in that State. Three members of the commission, John H. Walker, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor; Mrs. Raymond Robins, and John Kitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, will represent the labor side; three will represent capital, and three the so-called public. The legislature appropriated \$5,000 for the commission, and the expense of making the probe, which will be far-reaching and will require several months' time.

Justice Swayne denounced the hiring of armed gunmen and gangsters to break strikes in charging the grand jury of Hudson county, New Jersey, with a recent conspiracy to violate the Standard Oil Co.'s guards at Bayonne, N. J. "Life taken in the defense of property is murder," declared Justice Swayne. The judge declared that private persons or corporations had no right to maintain armed forces, and that if life is taken in the performance of an illegal act, all who participated are equally guilty. This declaration of Justice Swayne may result in the indictment of the officers of the oil company who hired the armed guards. The grand jury must consider those who hired the gangster guards as guilty of murder as the actual wielders of revolvers and rifles.

The miners' strike at Clifton, Ariz., has not only resulted in a complete shutdown, but it is creating a widespread demand for State ownership and operation of the mines. The masses of the people are strongly in sympathy with the miners, while "the interests" and daily newspapers are frothing with rage. Governor Hunt has sent all the militia to the storm center, but the militia have strict orders not to take sides in the struggle. The operators imported professional gunmen to smash the miners, while the President, Mr. Woodrow Wilson, and Governor Hunt demand that Governor Hunt throw the union agitators into a "bull-pen," but he has announced that if he puts any one in the "bull-pen," which the mine men want to see built, it will be the slugs and strikebreakers that the mine owners have imported.

WHY DIDN'T HE?

Robert Herrick, war correspondent for The Chicago Tribune, one of the loudest lingo newsmen in the land, has just returned from the warring countries. He declares:

"After four months of living in Europe, I have returned to America with the deep conviction that war is not the noblest of human activities. It is a waste and suffering. I have become ashamed of that vague pacifism which I, like so many others, voiced under the first shock of the European war—the expression of an anemic idealism due to an imaginative distaste of the realities of war, an abstract sense of the folly of war."

This all appears in an article, "Re-creation of a Pacifist," in The New Republic. There is something strange, missing in Herrick's "recreation." He does not tell us how he enlisted in the cause of one of the warring nations, how he fought and bled in one of the trenches, how he shot some war enthusiast of another nation thru the head, or stabbed him in the stomach with a bayonet. If he did any of these things, he is no doubt as ashamed of them as he says he is ashamed of his present. Yet, if he loves the slaughter so much, why didn't he get into it?

We are afraid that he is much in the same class with the owners of The Tribune, who love war so much that they are anxious to have others fight for them. Herrick is a recent "business man's" military encampment at Fort Sheridan, the tinny Tribune sent one man from each department to take lessons in killing. Not that these employees were "business men," but the men of business had refused to fight and something had to be done to bolster up the cause of militarism.

It is out of the way to state that perhaps Herrick, like many other writers, have recanted their pacifism because it does not make good copy for the lingo sheets that are now being sold for war. Let us hope that in case war is declared, the owners of The Chicago Tribune will send Herrick out on the firing line as the representative of its editorial department. They will serve a double purpose. It will show Herrick's sincerity and save the skins of The Tribune proprietors.

SOCIALISTS IN THE SUFFRAGE CAMPAIGN

By MARY O'REILLY

THE work of the Socialist Party in the suffrage campaign just closed in the East makes one of the most interesting chapters in the story of suffrage.

"Why does the Socialist Party work for woman's suffrage? None of the other parties are doing so."

This question comes from the crowd to every Socialist speaker.

"Because the extension of suffrage to all workers is part of the political program of the Party of the working class."

This answer sums up the argument of the Socialist speakers. It was our task to prove, first, that women should have the ballot; second, that when they have it they should use it for their own economic interests. It is our further task to blaze the trail to start the campaign in the early days of election or not. The message where the suffrage forces had not yet been organized, to prove the fallacy of non-partisanship and to pave the way for class-conscious political action on the part of working women.

Theresa Makiel, secretary of the Socialist Party of New York, has been organized, to prove the fallacy of non-partisanship and to pave the way for class-conscious political action on the part of working women.

In no place could the fight against any movement toward human liberty be harder than in trust-rusted Pennsylvania. In no place is there a more splendid resistance. The Socialist Party is well organized, determined and enthusiastic. Where the steel trust rules, where wealth rolls into the cities in return for war materials, where the mills are filled with spies and trade unions are crushed—there the Party is working. Up in the mountains, down in the valleys, in the Grange halls and out on the farms the message is being carried.

It is a question with Socialists all ways. How will the women use their vote? My experience in New York and Pennsylvania would lead me to say the women will be very progressive. The old party machines have fought woman suffrage so hard, they have been so unfair, so brutal in their methods, that everywhere the suffrage agitators have fallen back upon the Socialist Party for support. Of course, new voters like to pick a winner; they are not so different from old voters in this; but they have learned a lesson. The great woman-vote at first may be disorganized and nonpartisan; but women are not afraid to try something new. The principles of Socialism appeal to them, and the work of the Socialist Party in this campaign will bear fruit.

One suffrage organizer showed me an application blank for membership in the Socialist Party.

"We must go thru this campaign as nonpartisan," she said; "but I will hand in this application the day after the referendum is taken, whether suffrage wins or not. I have learned my lesson."

And so we feel, we who have worked and hoped, for New York and Pennsylvania and the other Eastern States, that our work has not been in vain. We have broken into the solid East, the women are organized not only in the large cities, but in the mining towns and villages and on the farms. The suffrage campaign worked both ways. It gave help to the cause of suffrage and it gave a great impetus to the Socialist organization, but better than all of this, it made a preparation for future success.

An Appeal From Illinois

DEAR COMRADES: During the period the Chicago Daily Socialist was in existence the United Mine Workers found an able champion in it, and in return many of the officers and members of the organization did what they could to help finance the paper.

When the financial condition of the publication was such as to threaten its very existence the Executive Board of the United Mine Workers of Illinois were appealed to and they came to the rescue by loaning it \$3,000. When the paper failed, this amount was still unpaid and is still carried on the books of the United Mine Workers of Illinois as an asset, with no chance of recovering the amount from the defunct publication.

Some of the enemies of the Socialist movement, and some of the organization, are using this against the Socialist members of the Executive Board at every opportunity, and as the amount is not large, we are asking the comrades, who can possibly do so, to assist in wiping out this debt in order to protect those who are responsible for this loan being made.

Four hundred and fifty dollars of the above amount has been subscribed by a few interested parties, and we desire very much to pay off the balance and wipe out this debt. It will be appreciated if you will give us liberally your circumstances will permit, and ask the other members of the movement to do the same. A small donation from each sympathizer will wipe out the debt and take this off our books and strengthen our position at a time when our united strength is needed more than ever before.

Send all donations to Duncan Mc-

Big Lecture Course Now in Full Swing

National Office Conducting Vigorous Campaign--Maley-Goebel Lectures Begin With New Year--Still open for Dates.

OUR STAFF OF SPEAKERS:

ANNA MALEY
EMIL SEIDEL
GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK
RYAN WALKER
GEORGE GOEBEL

THE NATIONAL OFFICE is now conducting two lecture courses. The Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker Lectures and the Maley-Goebel Lectures. The Maley-Goebel course is still open for dates. Any local group of Socialists anywhere in the United States can still get lectures if they apply at once.

The Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker lectures are still available to locals west of the Mississippi Valley. However, applications from Kansas, Colorado, Arizona and California must be in within the next two weeks.

THE MALEY-GOEBEL LECTURES.

These lectures are to start some time after the New Year, perhaps the latter part of January. They will probably begin in the Eastern States and work towards the West.

The lecturers on this course are Anna Maley and George Goebel. ANNA MALEY—of the Rand School of Social Science, for many years a prominent figure in all Socialist and labor struggles—the foremost woman advocate in the Socialist movement.

GEORGE GOEBEL—a member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party—for many years a most successful national lecturer and organizer.

Circular letters with full particulars and blank contracts were mailed last week and are now in the hands of every local secretary in the country. If your local secretary does not bring the matter before the local, get after it yourself. Don't let the opportunity slip.

We now have 94 contracts. We could handle about 90 more to good advantage. Locals desiring these lectures in the Eastern States must apply within the next two weeks, as definite dates must be fixed very soon.

SEIDEL-KIRKPATRICK-WALKER COURSE.

This course is already well on the way. It is covering the Eastern States up to Christmas and will start thru the Western States after the New Year.

On this course are the following speakers: EMIL SEIDEL—former Mayor of Milwaukee and Socialist candidate for vice-president in 1912.

GEORGE KIRKPATRICK—author of "War—What For?" and one of the greatest anti-militarists in America.

RYAN WALKER—the creator of Henry Dubb, a cartoonist, crayon artist and lecturer, producing the most unique feature ever put on the Socialist platform.

The Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker lecture dates are now fixed up to the latter part of January. The course will go from Eastern Kansas westward thru that State into Colorado and Southern Wyoming, thence back into New Mexico and Arizona to Southern California, thence up the coast thru California and Oregon to Washington, thence eastward thru Idaho, Montana and back thru the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin to Chicago. This will give the comrades a general idea of the direction of the course. Definite dates will be fixed at least two months in advance of the lectures, and all locals notified so that plenty of time will be given to arrange dates.

We keep the dates open as long as we can so as to get in every possible contract, because every added contract helps to cut down the proportionate expense, travel and labor, and makes the course so much more effective.

Once more, and as a last call to the locals west of Iowa and Missouri, we offer this Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker Lecture Course. We could make 15 or 20 more dates in Western Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Southern Arizona, California and Oregon for the next drive.

Locals that haven't signed up for the course should apply at once. Only two weeks will be allowed for this call till we fix the dates up to the middle of March.

WHAT TO DO.

Every local that wants to keep its movement alive and growing should take one or both of these lecture courses.

Take both courses—several locals have already taken both courses. They make a good winter series of lectures—five in all. The Maley-Goebel lectures will come about a month after the Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker lectures. Thus a local that takes both courses will have a good series of lectures, the first three coming one each week for three consecutive weeks—then a month or so later the Maley-Goebel lectures a week apart.

Or, take the Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker course—a some local may feel that only one course of lectures in all they can handle. If so, let them come in for the Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker course. There is still a chance and a need for additional lectures in the Western field.

At least take the Maley-Goebel course—Locals that feel they cannot afford the three-number course should take the Maley-Goebel course. In this there are but two lectures, which makes it easier to handle. We have made the terms for this course so easy that any local can take it.

For this, let them take the Maley-Goebel course. One is on a flat-rate basis. So any local that wants to do anything can get in on the deal.

In many cases already individuals living where there is no local, or where the local is dead, have taken up one or the other of the courses on their own responsibility and are making good.

So no one need stand back. We have propositions suitable to any local and to any situation.

NOTES ON THE LECTURE COURSES. Don't be a Henry Dubb and miss The American Socialist lectures.

Scranton, Pa.—At the Seidel lecture the comrades sold all the literature they had and ordered more for the next meeting.

Literature at the lecture course meetings is going like hot cakes on a cold, frosty morning.

New Britain, Conn., sends in another Maley-Goebel contract.

Washington, D. C., comrades sold all their single-entrance tickets and have ordered 125 additional. At the Kirkpatrick meeting all the "War, What For?" books and all the 10-cent pamphlets were gobbled up and an order for more was sent in.

Elizabeth and Norfolk meetings were a pleasant surprise, writes Comrade Seidel. The halls were well filled.

Santa Rosa, Cal., comes in with a contract for the Maley-Goebel lectures. That makes 91 in all.

Seven new members were taken into the local as a result of Seidel's meeting at Norfolk, Va.

Atlanta, Ga., and Kelle, Wash., both come in with contracts for Maley-Goebel lectures. That makes 94. Roll 'em in. We want 100 at least.

Going Fine—264 10-cent books and 68 25-cent books sold at the Seidel meetings the first week.

East Boston, Mass.—"Just a line to let you know that the Seidel lecture was in every way a success," writes Comrade Cameron.

MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

GOOD AS A LIBRARY.

WE have been urged to tell you more about "The 1914 Campaign Book." Those already in possession of this great publication say it is as good as a library. They say all Socialists have not already ordered one of these campaign books, a regular encyclopedia, because they do not realize its value.

"The 1914 Campaign Book" gives you all the information you could possibly have any use for in 350 pages of facts, figures, statistics and arguments, indexed and classified and ready at hand at a moment's notice. Here are just a few of the good things you will find in "The 1914 Campaign Book":

Statistics on the Socialist Vote, Membership, Parliamentary Representation, etc.—These statistics, compiled with the utmost care by the Information Department of the Socialist Party. They are the most complete statistics of the kind in existence.

Socialism and Its Critics—This Chapter answers the attacks of the Catholic church and the syndicalists. Contains strong arguments in defense of Socialism from the mouths of famous Catholics.

The Capitalist Parties and Their Remedies—Contains the platforms of all the capitalist political parties, and gives a complete review of their record, especially in regard to labor.

The Concentration of Ownership and Its Effects—The statistics presented are startling and unanswerable. They are taken from government reports and from such authorities as John Moody and President Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin.

Labor Under Capitalism—This is the most important part of the book. It tells all about wages and the cost of living. Shows that the "real" wages of labor are actually declining. Shows how labor is exploited in all the principal industries. Gives the damning facts about child labor and the slavery of women, etc., etc. The latest and best material.

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Socialism the Way Out—Tells you what the Socialists have done where they have been elected to office. Gives statistics about the co-operative and labor movements.

Every Socialist, every one at all interested in social reform, must have the 1914 CAMPAIGN BOOK.

We have worked out a plan that will enable you not only to secure a copy of this campaign book for yourself, FREE, but will also enable you to send it to your neighbors, friends and fellow-workers, FREE.

We repeat our plan again for the benefit of those who did not get in touch with it in the three previous issues of The American Socialist. We are offering The American Socialist for one year and the "1914 Campaign Book" for 50 cents, the regular price of The American Socialist alone. Do one of these two things:

FIRST—Either send The American Socialist to one or more of your friends or neighbors at 50 cents a year. For every sub sent in you get a free copy of the "1914 Campaign Book," containing 350 pages of the best Socialist propaganda ever issued in this country. Put these campaign books to work as a circulating library.

SECOND—Or go out and get your friends and neighbors to pay 50 cents for their own conversion to Socialism before the 1916 elections. For every sub you secure you will receive a campaign book that you can immediately put to work for Socialism.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER NOW!

ROLL OF HONOR

This is from VINCENT SPITZER, Pittsburgh, Pa.: "I had a dispute with a man about Socialism and woman suffrage. He decided he is against us. Therefore I am sending him The American Socialist one year." And (comrade Spitzer gets a campaign book to carry the message to others).

MRS. GERTIE BUTLER, Goldfield, Colo., sends The American Socialist to three readers for one year and gets three copies of the campaign book to help her work for Socialism.

E. O. ROBERTSON, Oakland, Ore., rounds up a list of four names for one year and gets four campaign books.

J. J. VAN HUSE, Pekin, Ill., also sends

Federal Suffrage Amendment

By CONGRESSMAN MEYER LONDON

It is to be regretted that there is a division of opinion among women as to the form of the amendment of the Federal Constitution. We need not enter into a discussion of the merits of woman's suffrage. I take it that all of us look upon the political emancipation of woman as the next step in the progress of democracy. Woman is either a member of the community or she is not. If she is, she has an inalienable right to participate in the shaping of the policies of the land and in making the law of the land. Law is a rule of conduct which has behind it the force of the entire community. A rule of such importance and sanctity should be made by the entire community and not by a part of it.

The very agitation for woman suffrage adds new value and significance to the vote. There are millions of men entitled to vote who do not exercise their privilege. There are millions of men who do not use their vote intelligently. The struggle for woman for the acquisition of the franchise must necessarily call forth an earnest analysis of the importance of the vote, and will give it new value and significance.

I favor the Susan B. Anthony amendment. It is direct; it is to the point, and it follows the procedure provided by the constitution. It is difficult enough to obtain an amendment of the constitution without adding new obstacles. Whatever might have been the intention of the framers of the constitution, whether it was their desire to facilitate amendments or to make it impossible to change the fundamental law, it is a matter of experience that it is extremely difficult to effect a modification.

About eighteen hundred amendments to the constitution have been suggested, and, as you know, only seventeen have been adopted. Of these the first twelve were adopted immediately after the establishment of the government and three as a result of the Civil War. With this lesson of history before us, it seems hardly credible that well-meaning supporters of the cause of woman's emancipation should seek to add new and cumbersome remedies in order to obtain the extension of the franchise.

The agitation in the States should, of course, not be abandoned or even slackened. But an attempt to divert the entire strength of the movement to the States is an attempt to dilute its force and to destroy its effectiveness. Political emancipation is not a State problem. The theory that the United States of America is an aggregation of States is no longer true. We are an industrial unit, a political unit, and a national unit. There is no such thing as a State problem. There is no question, no difficulty, no evil which can confront a State without affecting the interests of the entire country. After all, the geographical and artificial separation into States cannot be permitted to stand in the way of the nation's progress.

In conclusion, I will state that it is entirely immaterial to me who introduces the amendment. The movement is sufficiently popular to justify my belief that a number of men will compete for the honor of introducing the amendment. Whoever introduces it will receive my support.

As a man and as a Socialist, I will consider it a privilege to serve the cause of woman, since her cause is the cause of humanity.

Booker Washington's Aphorism

By JOHN M. WORK

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON says that the real degradation lies, not in working, but in being worked.

Of course he was not talking Socialism when he said that, but the remark has significant bearings which probably never occurred to him. Soak it in once more: The real degradation lies, not in working, but in being worked.

Altho, under our present topsy-turvy social order, it is more or less of a disgrace to do useful work, yet, incidentally, the doing of such work is most genuinely honorable and commendable. It is honorable and commendable because it is beneficial to the race. It makes for the forward and upward growth of the race.

In itself, therefore, there is nothing in useful work which can explain the tinge of disgrace that adheres to it under the present system. The explanation is to be sought elsewhere.

In the early days in this country, when nearly everybody worked "on their own hook," and there was a tolerable degree of financial equality among the people, useful labor was held in high honor. A man who did useful work was as good as any other man. He was not scorned. He was not looked upon as a member of "the lower orders."

But as soon as labor-saving machinery compelled the small industries to develop into the great industries, so that men no longer worked "on their own hook," but began to work for others, useful work began to become disgraceful.

It is disgraceful because it is now done under slave conditions.

It is disgraceful because the worker is "worked."

Why, the capitalists own the industries. They hire the workers to work for them. They pay the workers a fraction of the value of their labor, and keep the rest themselves.

Thus, without doing any useful work themselves, they become millionaires, and have their splendid mansions, and jewels, etc., etc. They get all these things by working the workers.

No wonder they despise the workers.

Slaves are always despised by their masters.

The workers can emancipate themselves from this disgraceful position whenever they wish.

All they have to do is to vote the Socialist Party into power, so that the industries can be made collective property, owned by all the people and run for the benefit of all the people.

Then the workers will receive the full value of their labor.

They will no longer be worked.

And labor will again become honorable.

In four names and directs that the campaign books go to the new "subs."

J. M. HALL, San Simon, Ariz., is sending The American Socialist for one year and a campaign book to four residents of his city.

"Will try to do better next time," says "This is my answer to the jingoes who are crying for preparedness," declares J. P. BAKER, Columbus, Ohio, as he sends in a list of 26 subs.

J. P. STUDEVANT, Watertown, N. Y., sends in his third list of 20 names, saying: "I must say we are highly satisfied with the premiums we have received so far. Every one admires them. We intend to keep right on working for our noble and instructive Party organ, not so much for the premiums as the good work the paper can do in educating the masses."

F. P. RICE, Mendocino, Pa., also sends in 20 names and gets the souvenir knife and Socialist pennant. FRED SUTTON, Farmington, Ill., also gets a knife and pennant.

LOCAL BRONX, New York, sends in the names of 11 new members, who will also get The American Socialist.

To offset the election law initiated by the Socialists, the Democrats of Oklahoma will offer a new law providing for unrestricted woman suffrage and many changes in the election law. The proposed law has been drawn by J. H. Lyons, Secretary of State, and has the endorsement of all the party leaders. The new law will provide that the election board shall be composed of the Secretary of State and two others from the parties casting the largest vote, to be named by the Governor. Another section provides that all candidates shall pay a filing fee, the sum of which shall be large enough to defray the expenses of the election. Heretofore all parties have evaded woman suffrage, but by the proposed law of the Socialists, in which all Republicans have joined. It would take the control of the elections out of the hands of Democrats. No protests will be filed against the bill initiated by the Socialists, but it is hoped to defeat it by this new measure, in which the woman suffrage plank is expected to lead in popularity.

THE STORY CORNER

NOTE—In this column there is traced, from week to week, the development of a typical Young People's Socialist League. The successes and failures are mirrored here and the chances are that you will find some of your own here set forth. Each installment is practically complete in itself, but it is advisable to follow the story regularly.

BRINGING BACK HARMONY.

The old saying has it that there are more ways than one of killing a cat. Probably so. And Jim soon found out that while there are more ways than one of destroying the harmony of a League, there are also a variety of ways that help to regain it. The piano squabble had left a dark-brown taste in the mouths of many of the members, the removal of which was a serious and pressing problem. It was removed, all right, and, like most great discoveries, the solution came almost by accident.

It was now more than a month ago since Harvey Jackson, one of their jolliest Yipsels, had left for the West, and he wrote back about the splendid success the Leagues there were having. He also sent Jim a book of Socialist songs, not a very large collection; still, he had never paid much attention to the work at hand, however, when a committee meeting was held at his home, he hit upon the idea of trying to cheer them up by reading the wanderer's letter. What could be more natural, then, than to propose singing a bit from the book that he had sent?

The spirit of that group was changed as if they had been touched with a fairy's wand. The songs were not hard to sing—popular tunes, mostly, with fine, jolly Socialist and Yipsel words to them. Under their influence the comrades lost all of their doubts and fears, and in a little while they plunged into the work at hand like new men. At the close of the meeting they had more songs.

After they had gone, Jim thought it over, and the more he considered the proposition the more favorably he was inclined toward it. He wrote to his friend and asked him to ship along a larger supply of the books, as well as the price and other details.

The books came, all right, and with them an additional note and a tip on their use.

"Don't try to swing in the fancy stuff right at the beginning," his comrade "double quartets and lieder-tafels may be all right if you have the singers, and the teacher, and the funds, and the time, and the crowd to appreciate them."

"Whew!" thought Jim; "some line-up. Have we got these things? Nothing to do, I guess that let's us out, all right." But he read on.

"The thing you want to do, and do it quick, is to get your crowd to SINGING. Once you get them started so far that they'll lose themselves in the songs, your troubles are over. Once you get a crowd to sing together in any sort of union and harmony, no matter how hard they may try after that, they will never be able to work in anything but the same spirit."

That was rather a novel philosophy, but Jim was game enough to try it out. And he did. Did it work? It sure did. It seemed as tho they had just been waiting for those songs like a hungry man for his dinner. At first it was a little hard to get them started, but finally a small group gathered themselves around the piano and started in. The song was a jolly, lulling, swinging tune, the sort that young folks' heads and feet and hearts just can't resist, and while they were singing else was forgotten while they crowded around the piano. And could they sing? Far better than they had ever dreamed of; their voices rang out in the good comrade songs in a way that boded no good for the powers that be.

Since that time many occasions have arisen at which the songs played a big part in promoting the comradeship of the League. Only a few need be recalled. At the next big outing they made the long, hard road seem easy and light; on the Hay-Ride to the home of a Socialist farmer in a nearby village they surely did fit; at every social affair they distinguished themselves better than anything else could; while at all times they helped hold the group together, for, in order to sing together, they had to stick together, and that invariably meant harmony and comradeship.

After a time they developed their impromptu mass singing into a well-drilled chorus that did much to help make entertainment programs more interesting. Two quartets, male and female, also were the result of the small start of those few song books. The really creditable concert performances of this group did a great deal to enhance the reputation of the League.

After the songs and singing were well established, another League once

addressed an inquiry about better methods to Organizer Jim. He answered:

"Let me give you one straight tip: There is nothing in all our history that helped us as much as a little 15-cent song book. Better still, send half a dollar to the National Office, and you will receive a large folio size, well-bound book with notes. After that, just get busy and SING; sing those comrade songs from the bottom of your hearts, and there will never be any danger of disruption."

NOTE—The National Office has several collections of songs on hand. List will be sent on request. The next installment of the Story Corner will deal with the preparations for their first big affair.

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WILLIAM F. KRUSE - - - Director

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NEW PROPOSITIONS.

Here's some more! Something you have been looking for!

You are all pleased with the new Yipsel emblems, the large orders coming in for them attesting that. But here is a chance to get that emblem in an even better form.

I am considering getting out a large Y. P. S. L. bar pin, one and one-half inches in length, with our emblem (in colors) in the center. This for the girls. For the boys, a Y. P. S. L. tie clasp, substantially made in rolled gold. The price of each of these is 50 cents.

Think what fine holiday presents these will make. Of course, girls ought to pay their donors a penny for them, 'cause a pointed gift is said to break friendship, "doncherno." But they'll be valued highly, just the same. Just the thing for proud and happy old folks to give their youngsters, and for the Leagues to reward their faithful workers.

I think that you want these new novelties. I feel almost sure you do. But in order that there may be no mistake, please write in at once and let me know whether you do or not. Will you order any yourself? Will you get others to do so? And when making up your lists of presents, don't forget the Y. P. S. L. jewelry. R. S. V. P.

Y. P. S. L. NOTES.

Paterson, N. J.—Every member in good standing receives a copy of the "Young Socialist Magazine." They do this out of the 15 cents per month dues, the object being to keep their members in touch with League happenings all over the country. The magazine, in bundles of 25 or more, sells at 3 cents each.

Their Five and Drum Corps renders splendid aid to the League work. A committee elected to collect \$4 with which to buy a banner immediately, raised \$18. They intend to make some splash when it "comes out."

Chicago, Ill.—The newly organized North Side League has made a big start to date. At their recent business meeting they went thru their whole constitution, listened to a fine address by Cornelius Lehane, and made preparations for a monster mass meeting, entertainment and dance to be held Dec. 18. Comrades Germer, Cabel, LeSueur, Maurer and Seidel of the N. E. C. are expected to speak. Among the features that will make this affair a noteworthy one are, first, the noted speakers, and then the big hall, extensive advertising and programs, large audience of Socialists and laborites of Chicago and nearby cities; dramatic and other entertainment features, home-cooking refreshment bazar, and last, but by no means least, the best orchestra obtainable.

Pittsburgh, Pa. (English)—Literary program, featuring Jane Tait, secretary of the Party local, in a speech on "Woman Suffrage," and a recitation, "The Two Homecomings," by Miss Rubenstein, was enthusiastically received by an audience of more than 150.

Elizabeth, N. J., promises that their first anniversary, scheduled for Nov. 11, is going to be some affair. The local is to start a mass in public speaking, and it is figured that about 50 per cent of this will be Y. P. S. L. members.

New York City interdistrict committee announces the second debate of the season, Queens vs. Brooklyn; subject, "Resolved, that the labor unions, as at present organized, act to the best interests of the workers."

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The association's argument seems new, but in reality is old. It is the familiar contention that output and profits are in direct proportion to the length of the working day. Three generations ago Senior was proving that the manufacturer's sole profit lay in the last hour of labor extorted from little children. Arguments never wear out. They may be disproved, ridiculed, exploded, but they never die.—From The New Republic.

An effort to foist a State non-partisan law upon the voters of California has been defeated by referendum vote. The California non-partisan movement, led by Governor Johnson, was a blow at minority parties. It was fought by the Socialists.

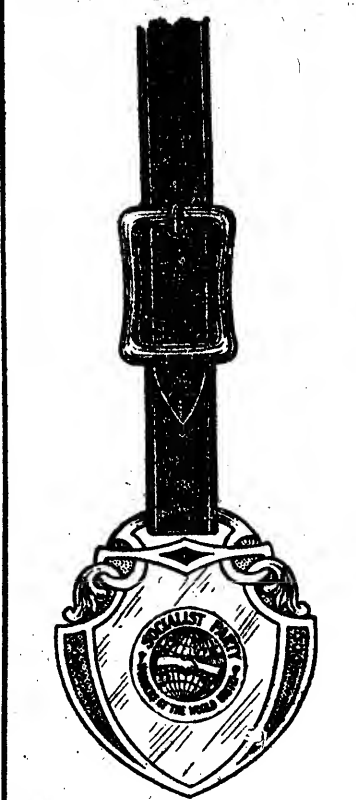
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